

STATE DEPARTMENT DENIES PICKING MAN FOR MEXICAN LEADER

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CARRANZA MARKING TIME

Much Will Depend on Outcome
of Military Engagements
With Villa Forces.

Interpreted in Latin-American quarters as a last attempt to get General Venustiano Carranza to enter into peace negotiations along the line suggested by the United States and the Pan-American Conference, the State Department today issued a brief statement denying that this Government has picked any man for provisional president of Mexico.

The announcement, which aroused widespread interest in the rival Mexican juntas, reads as follows:

"To correct an erroneous impression that appears to exist in certain quarters, the Department wishes to announce that the selection of any particular man for provisional president of Mexico has not been considered by this Government.

Two Objects in View.

Although officials of the department refused to discuss the purpose of the announcement any further, it is understood to have the two-fold object of removing the evident impression among Carranza's generals that the United States and the other governments concerned in the Pan-American conference are prepared to dictate who the next President of Mexico shall be, and, secondly, to leave the way open, if the opposition against Carranza finally collapses, for the United States, as a last resort, to recognize Carranza.

In the meantime, there is no evidence here as to when Carranza will reply to the Pan-American appeal. The United States having determined the ten-day period allowed for responses shall date from the time when the last copy of this appeal is delivered. Carranza still has plenty of time to determine his course. All indications are that the first chief, bolstered up by the professions of allegiance by all of his generals, will reject the offers of the outside powers to mediate.

Depends on Fighting.

Much, it is believed, will depend on the military developments during the present week. The rival Mexican agencies here are going to extremes in their claims regarding the outcome of the fighting at Ixmiquilpan, near Monterrey. So far as the defeat of Villa, the Carranza agency declares, that Villa, in desperation, has disbanded his troops into guerrilla bands for the purpose of prolonging the struggle. According to the Villa agency, the Carranzistas practically were routed, and the Villa success will be followed up by a vigorous drive southward.

The only official information which this Government had to give out today, aside from the announcement of the State Department, was a dispatch received at the War Department from Major General Funston, commanding the border forces, confirming the report of a brush between the American border patrol and Mexican bandit raiders near Lohiel. The report, dated last night, read as follows:

"Following received today from commanding officer Second Cavalry brigade: Cavalry patrol near Lohiel fired on Sunday by Mexican renegades, fire returned, no casualties. Mexican commander has given assurance of no repetition of firing."

"FUNSTON."

Carranzistas' Statement.

The Carranza agency gave out the following: "The confidential agency of the constitutional government of Mexico in receipt of a dispatch from its consul at El Paso which predicts the breaking up of Villa's army into small raiding bands. It is suggested that this change of Villa's war plans indicates that his forces are now so depleted as to make impossible the defense of Torreón against the onrush of General Obregon's superior force. Consul Obregon's dispatch says:

"Following the recent occupation of Durango by the constitutionalists and in view of their steady movement northward, Villa has announced the intention of scattering his troops in small guerrilla bands, as he realizes his inability to oppose Obregon's overwhelming army. Villa plans to resume the raids which characterized his method of fighting in former days. He is not fortifying Torreón, but is concentrating troops and strengthening the Canon of Picardias, about fifty miles south of Torreón."

FIFTEEN HOSPITALS FOR G. A. R. MEETINGS

Extensive Plans Being Made For
Rendering Medical Assistance
to Veterans.

Preparations for the somber side of the G. A. R. encampment were made today when Chairman Battle of the medical committee announced that fifteen emergency hospitals would be established along the line of march of the second grand review.

The locations of the stations will be as follows: First and Pennsylvania avenues, Third and Indiana avenues, Four-and-a-half and Pennsylvania avenue, Seventh and Pennsylvania avenue, Ninth and Pennsylvania avenue, Benjamin Franklin statue, Twelfth and Pennsylvania avenue, The Washington Times, Fifteenth and Pennsylvania avenue, Fifteenth and New York avenue, East and West Executive avenues, the White Lot and the old Census building.

At each of these stations several doctors and nurses will be assigned.

Following is a list of doctors appointed to the medical committee:

Dr. Lewis J. Battle, chairman; Walter Van Sweringen, vice chairman; and Drs. Wade H. Atkinson, Noble P. Barnes, Grant S. Barnhart, W. M. Barton, Rudolph Bloom, F. W. Braden, Oliver Brenizer, Sacks Bricker, Edmund Barry, Cyril Burbank, Courson B. Conklin, George C. Clark, Oliver C. Cox, Albert J. Carrio, Clarence M. Dollman, R. F. Dunmire, George P. Davis, Thomas Dowling, C. R. Dufour, Victor Ezech, C. M. Edmonds, Raymond Fisher, W. Ashby Franklin, A. C. Gray, Frank E. Gibson, John Paul Gunion, H. H. Hasen, G. B. Heinecke, J. F. Hilton, Charles W. Hyde, D. Ferry Hickling, Arthur J. Hall, E. M. Hasbrouck, Leroy T. Howard, William A. Jack, Virgil B. Jackson, Stuart C. Johnson, Samuel E. Lewis, Frank Leech, Eugene L. LeMerle, R. Scott Lamb, Louis Lehr, Janiver W. Linney, John W. Lutz, H. Watson Moffitt, Maurice E. Miller, Herbert E. Martin, John L. Norris, J. R. Nevitt, Harry A. Long, Daniel W. Prentiss, S. B. Fols, Boyd R. Reed, Frederick Roman, J. I. Sloan, Dwight G. Smith, Albert P. Tibbets, R. F. Tobin, Lewis H. Taylor, William H. Taylor, William J. Thomas, Lavin Thompson, Thomas N. Vincent, W. O. Wetmore, R. Thomas West, Gustavus Werber, William P. Wood, Samuel Watkins, and William E. Whitson.

Col. Robert N. Harper, acting general chairman of the citizens' committee, said today that all the committees on the details of the encampment would submit written reports at tomorrow's meeting in the Chamber of Commerce.

Secretary Thomas Grant today received several hundred additional requests for reservations. His mail also included the programs of the meetings of several women's organizations which will meet here during the reunion.

"The Birth of a Nation" Is Allowed to Continue

TRENTON, N. J., Aug. 24.—Chancellor Walker today refused to act as a moving picture censor and stop the presentation of "The Birth of a Nation," a photo drama being displayed at Atlantic City. The chancellor recently issued a temporary injunction restraining the city commission of Atlantic City from prohibiting the Epland Amusement Company of Atlantic City from exhibiting the photo drama to the public. Today he made the restraining order permanent.

Now Are the Days Children Need Care

Summer Heat Dangerous to
Little Ones if Bowels
Are Neglected

A mother cannot do better for her child than to train it from early infancy to regular habits, not only as a preventive against much of the illness to which children are more or less subject, but also to insure their health in later life.

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GERMANS FIRE UPON FRENCH RED CROSS, SAYS U. S. SURGEON

Dr. George W. Crile Declares
Wounded Can Not Be Treated
in Daytime on Field.

FIRST AID MEETING OPENS

President Will Be Asked to Appoint
Members of Committee
to Prepare Code.

Charging that the German artillerymen used the French Red Cross tents for targets, and thus prevented the treatment of wounded in the daytime, and asserting that the percentage of infections among the wounded was as high in the first six months of this war as in 1870, Dr. George W. Crile, of Cleveland, one of America's foremost surgeons, made a startling address just before the noon recess of the First Aid Conference, in session at the New Willard.

Surg. Gen. Rupert Blue, of the Public Health Service, presided, and Surg. Gen. William C. Gorka, U. S. A., was present when Dr. Crile made these statements.

U. S. in France's Position.

The United States, Dr. Crile said, in case of war, would be in the same position as France during the first six months of the war, when the first aid work was so poorly organized that it was practically a failure.

Conditions have much improved now, he said, and the establishment of a system of "consultants" who must pass upon all cases for operations, has greatly improved the surgery employed among the wounded.

The practice of the Germans, who, Dr. Crile said, paid no attention to Red Cross tents, made these tents no protection, and the wounded could not be treated in the daytime. This was partially the cause of the high rate of death from wounds, he said.

The wounds which caused by far the largest proportion of infections, Dr. Crile stated, are those from shrapnel shells. These shells carry parts of the dirty clothes of the soldiers into the wounds, he said, which makes infection almost certain. Wounds from rifle shots are easily treated, and many of the soldiers, even when their lungs are punctured, are back on the field in ten days or two weeks, according to Dr. Crile.

After several hours' debate, a resolution was passed providing for an appeal to the President to name representatives from the medical staffs of the army, navy, Public Health Service, American Medical Association, American Surgical Association and the American Association of Railway Surgeons, to advise on a committee to formulate a standard first aid code. This committee would consider methods, equipment, and instruction in first aid and it was declared that such a standard would remedy the present wide divergence in methods.

The lack of uniformity now prevailing, it was stated, defeats the purpose of first aid, and in many cases results in needless suffering and expense, and even loss of life to those injured in industrial and railroad accidents.

Tells of War's Horrors.

Dr. Crile painted a vivid picture of the horrors of the war, from the viewpoint of the French lines, where he spent three months. He showed pictures of the wounded to demonstrate the surgical cases afforded by the fighting.

He said sleeplessness was the especial bane of the allied armies. No previous war, he stated, was fought under such high pressure as the present one, and men fell frequently, amid shot and shell, literally exhausted from the lack of sleep.

FRIENDSHIP HOUSE FUND IS GROWING

"Penny-a-Day" Idea Getting
More Recruits, But Boxes
Are Sealed.

"Help the Babies."
This was the slogan borne by the signs in drug stores and department stores today, where pennies for Friendship House are being received by young women collectors.

The "Penny-a-Day" Club has become a popular and numerous organization. Many preferred to pay their dues at one time, but other business men enjoy the fun of slipping a penny, generally more, into the collection boxes each morning.

Mrs. Milo Atkinson, in charge of the campaign, is pleased with its success so far. The only difficulty has been in a shortage of workers, many of the young women who assist in the Friendship House work being out of the city on reports on the amount of the collection will be obtainable until the end of the week. The boxes will be sealed until that time. Then it is hoped that the collection will net \$1,000, which will pay all the debts of the settlement, and leave it free to begin its winter's work. If this amount is not raised the activities at Friendship House may have to be curtailed.

MRS. DELLA HAYNES RUN DOWN BY CAR

Woman, Fifty-three, Suffers From
Cuts on Head and Body.
Daughter Also Hurt.

Mrs. Della Haynes, fifty-three, of 207 Ninth street southwest, is in a serious condition at Emergency Hospital as the result of injuries received when she was struck by a Capital Traction Company car at Seventh and C streets southwest late yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Haynes is suffering from lacerations on the head and body, and probably from internal injuries. Her daughter, Mrs. Florence Davidson, with whom she was crossing Seventh street, was slightly injured. She is suffering from cuts and bruises on the legs and body.



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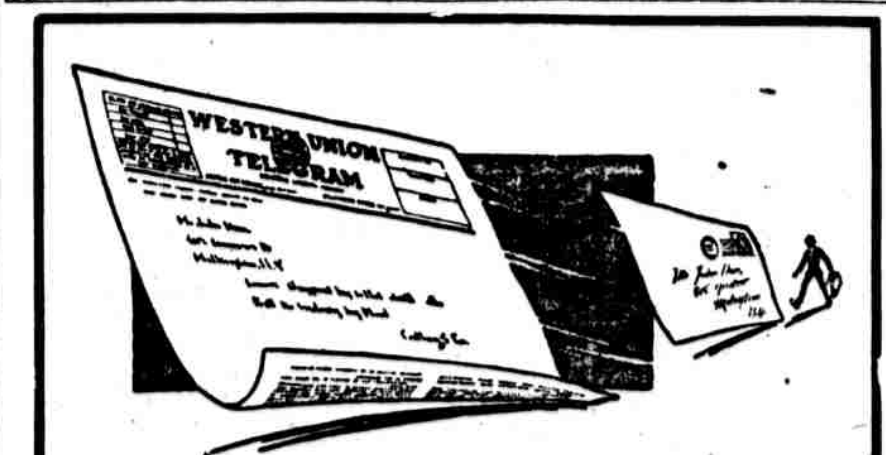
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